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Docket No.: 63288-350

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Neal J. MIDDLEBERG, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9627
Serial No.: 10/034,853 : Group Art Unit: 3653
Filed: December 28, 2001 : Examiner: Schlak, Daniel
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

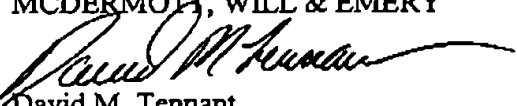
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, now due to expire October 23, 2003, be extended for three months and set to expire on January 23, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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